(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether any action plan have been drawn to increase the staff and counters at immigration counters and if not, the raasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) All major international flights operate between 2100 hrs to 0300 hrs at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. Due to bunching of flights, in short span, immigration and security clearance take some time.

(b) To facilitate faster immigration clearance at IGI Airport, Delhi, all Immigration counters have been fully computerized. 16 Passport Reading Machines have been installed. A modified Disembarkation/Embarkation card for Indians and foreigners was introduced in January, 2004. Further, well trained staff is deployed to ensure speedy clearance.

(c) Due to space constraints it is not possible to increase the immigration counters. However, to deal with rush situations, the staff at departure and arrival sides are shuffled to facilitate faster clearances.

Entering of Maoists in India from Nepal

247. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), responsible for guarding indo-Nepal border have confirmed about certain Maoists crossing into India following the royal coup in Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Maoists are reported to be heading for safer sanctuaries in Uttaranchal, Bihar and Jharkhand;

(d) whether besides Maoists, certain political activists are also reported to have crossed into India or have sought refuge in India;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether this can lead to a serious internal security situation in India; and

(g) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) No report about certain Maoists crossing into India following the recent developments in Nepal has so far come to the notice of the Government.

(d) and (e) As per available reports, about 50 political leaders/activists have crossed over to the Indian side following at the declaration of the State of emergency in Nepal. They include leaders/activists of political parties viz. Nepali Congress(NC). Nepali Congress Democratic (NC-D), CPN-UML, Jan Morcha Nepal (JMN), Nepal Sadbhavna Party(NSP), Rashtriya Prajatantra Party(RPP) and also some students'/trade union leaders. Some of these leaders have returned to Nepal.

(f) and (g) SSB and the bordering States namely Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttaranchal have been advised to increase vigil along the entire Indo-Nepal border and undertake intensive patrolling of the areas bordering Nepal to prevent ingress of Maoists or influx of Nepalese people into the Indian territory.

Losses suffered Due to Tsunami disaster

248. SHRI KB. KRISHNAMURTHY:
DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY:
SHRIMATI JAVA BACHCHAN:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total loss suffered by the country due to Tsunami disaster, State-wise;

(b) the action taken by the Central Government to give relief and rehabilitation to Tsunami victims as of date;

(c) whether it is a fact that in many States, there does not exist any disaster management plan;

(d) if so, the details of such States;